GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5752
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INHUMAN TREATMENT OF PRISONERS IN PAK JAILS
MOHAN RAWALE

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken up with the UN Human RightsCommission the issue relating to inhuman treatment of Indian prisoners in Pakistani jails; and

(b) if so, the reaction of UNHRC thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) Indian prisoners in Pakistani jails have complained to Government of ill treatment and lack of basic amenities. Government have, through the High Commission of India in Islamabad, at the time of consular access, taken up these complaints with the competent Pakistani authorities and have demanded that necessary corrective steps be taken to address these complaints. However, uptil now there does not seem to be any improvement in the situation of Indian prisoners in Pakistani jails. In keeping with our general policy regarding bilateral relations with Pakistan, Government have taken up this issue only through bilateral channels and not through any international agency.

(b) Does not arise.